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## Please Help the Post Office!

The Post Office has asked us to remind everyone of the federal regulation that a mail receptacle cannot be used to deliver any matter that does not bear postage. Items not bearing postage may not be placed upon, supported by, attached to, hung from, or inserted into a mail receptacle.

Please do not put flyers in mailboxes without putting them through the mail system. It is a federal offense. Thanks for your cooperation!

## Local Stories & Photos Needed!

***The Village is compiling local stories and photos for the final historical-based sign to be positioned in the Downtown area.***

The sign's theme will focus on the 1930s, 1940s, 1950s era and incorporate the following ideas, when Williamsville was a vibrant, self-sufficient agricultural community.

- Downtown Business District
- Farming Community supported by Farmer's Elevator & Feed Store
- Boulevard, Arch & Community Fellowship

## Around Town...

- Trick or Treat hours will be 5 – 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 31. Remember to have children wear bright/light colors, watch traffic and only go to houses with the porch lights on. Don't forget to check their candy too!
- December 15 is the last burning day of the year. Burning of landscape waste will resume in the Spring (March 1<sup>st</sup>).
- Please help us keep the streets clean and safe! Be sure to move vehicles parked along the side of the street during snow removal time. Children shouldn't be allowed to play in snow drifts along the road either – they are difficult to see and may be hurt by snow removal equipment.
- As you prepare for winter months, please remember that you may only park your RVs on the street for 48 hours or less or you will be ticketed.

Invoking nostalgia, the signage is being developed in an effort to document and celebrate the Village's rich local history. Tourists and residents alike will reminisce about simpler times and small-town ways while enjoying the charming atmosphere and learning about local history. The historic-based signage should work to generate more pedestrian and vehicle traffic in the Downtown area, which in turn would work to increase economic interests in the location. These efforts are being made in conjunction with Downtown Improvement Program projects funded through the TIF District where historic buildings are preserved and façades are improved.

Contact Village Trustee Valerie Patterson with any stories or pictures you may be interested in sharing at 217-414-0197 or [valpat100@yahoo.com](mailto:valpat100@yahoo.com). You may also contact Sarah Ann Benner at 217-566-3870 or stop by the Williamsville Box Car Museum any Wednesday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.



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## Williamsville Public Library

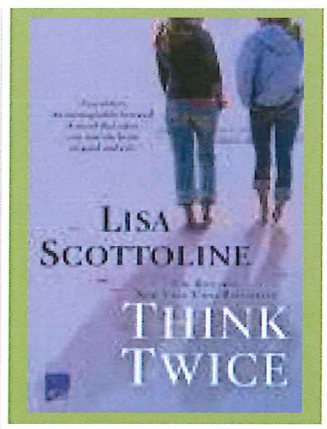
### *Friends of the Library*

The next Friends of the Library meeting will be on Thursday, November 7, at 5:30 p.m. at the library. Please join us as the Friends group makes some exciting decisions about the next phase of development. Help plan upcoming programs and events, as well as, receive a report about past sponsored events.

Hope to see you there!

### *Book Club*

The next discussion will be on Thursday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m. at the library. The selection for this month is "Think Twice" by Lisa Scottoline. This novel makes you question the nature of evil: is it born in us or is it bred? Bennie Rosato looks exactly like her identical twin, Alice Connolly, but the darkness in Alice's soul makes them two very different women. Or at least that's what Bennie believes, until she finds herself buried alive at the hands of her twin.



### Save the Date! February 22

#### Library Trivia Night

Mark your calendars now for the first ever Friends of the Library Trivia Night on Saturday, February 22, at 7:00 p.m. at the Williamsville Community Center. It should be a fun evening for all! Look for more details in the next Village newsletter.

#### Williamsville Garden Club

Thank you to all who supported Boo! On the Boulevard. Proceeds from the event go directly to Village of Williamsville beautification and downtown revitalization efforts, as well as a chance to bring the community together for a fun evening. We are looking forward to the following upcoming events: decorating the downtown again and bringing in the Christmas spirit; gathering donated items for our next quarter auction; and planning an evening of fun, good food, socializing, and learning some new garden-related techniques. New members are always welcome! Contact the Village Office for more information.



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## Williamsville Volunteer Fire Department

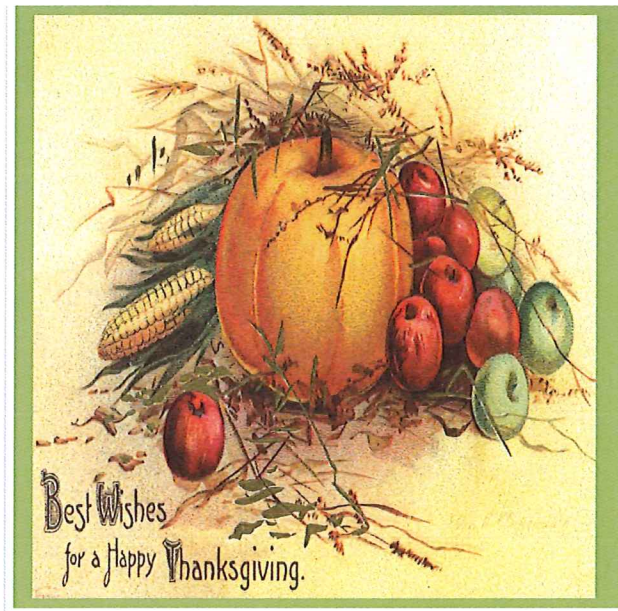
### Chief's Note

The days are getting shorter and soon it will be time to change the clocks back an hour. This is also the time to change the batteries in your smoke alarm and test the alarm. If you have a fire extinguisher this is also a good time to make sure it is fully charged. If you don't have an extinguisher, it's a great time to get one!

Thank you for your patience during our recent hydrant testing!

The Williamsville Volunteer Fire Department is staffed by dedicated men and women of the community who respond 24/7, 365 days a year to fire, medical and other emergencies. Meetings are held every Thursday evening at 7:00. If you are interested in becoming a member of our team call us at 566-3311 or visit us at one of our meetings.

Chief: Brian Mendenhall.  
Assistant Chief: Tommy Nases.



### Safety Tip: Thanksgiving and Holiday Safety

The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.

Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.

Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.

Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.

Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.

Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, purses or bags.

Keep knives out of the reach of children.

Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.

Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.

Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.

Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

If using a turkey fryer use them outside on a flat surface away from buildings and other combustible materials. Never use fryers in a garage or on a wooden deck. Never leave the fryer unattended.





# Santa Claus is Coming to Town!

*Saturday, December 7*

*10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*

*Williamsville Community Center*

**Santa's helpers will be serving cookies and taking pictures of you with Santa. Please stop in for a little Christmas fun!**

Santa is sponsored by the Williamsville Community Foundation.

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## BOOOO! on the Boulevard Thanks YOOOO!



The Williamsville Garden Club's first annual "Boo! on the Boulevard" was wildly successful and would not have been possible without the help of each and every one of the following people, of whom the Williamsville Garden Club would like to thank. Many thanks to: Jim Mergen for sparking excitement in the initial planning stages by opening his house for the haunted home tour and for his enthusiasm and help bringing it to fruition; Tom Yokley and the Village of Williamsville employees for setting up tents, the stage, seating, lights and the firepit at the park, including manning the trolley and tractor - thank you David Smith; Tom Yokley for donating the s'mores; the Community Foundation for sponsoring the event; Raymond Poe for lending his trolley; Bob Kording for donating banners for advertising; Bill Fawns for announcing the contest and providing a PA system and music; Kara and Ryan McCaffrey for judging the contest along with Angie Fowler Peifer, who also donated electric hook-ups; Harold

Carter for donating straw bales; Cooper's StrEATside Bistro for adding delicious food to the festivities; Eny Stott for donating haunted house wisdom and items; all of the volunteers, including spouses, family and friends of the Garden Club; and finally, thanks to the haunted home tour cast including: Zoey and Noah Horton, Celeste Holmes, Hannah and Jenny Brennan, Carmen Carter, Peyton Salter, Joe, Josh, and Lindsey Larson, Val Patterson, Tommy Weiss, Libby Griggs, Kasey Emery, Vicky Jackson, Zach Williams and Luke Kelley. Last but certainly not least, the Williamsville Garden Club would like to thank everyone who attended Boo! On the Boulevard. We live in a wonderful and supportive community. Friendly people and positive comments helped to create an awesome atmosphere and successful event. We are so grateful to you!

*Pictured: Hannah Brennan, Zoey Horton, and Carmen Carter were three key actors who helped to make the haunted home spooktakular.*



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## Williamsville Community Calendar

### November

November 2	Garden Club Meeting
November 3	4-H Meeting 5-8 p.m. Community Center
November 4	WC Foundation Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Village Hall
November 5	Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at the Library
November 5	WUMC Senior Potluck at 12 noon
November 5	Library Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Library
November 6	Story Time at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Library
November 7	Friends of the Library Meeting 5:30 p.m. at the Library
November 7	Woodcarvers in the Community Center 7:00 p.m.
November 9	WCF Junior High Dance, 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Comm. Center
November 11	Veteran's Day Observed – Village Office and Library are closed
November 12	Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at the Library
November 12	BINGO at 7:00 p.m., Community Center
November 13	Story Time at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Library
November 14	Quarter Auction, 6:30 p.m. at Community Center
November 19	Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at the Library
November 20	Story Time at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Library
November 21	Book Club 7:00 p.m. at the Library – Think Twice by Lisa Scottoline
November 25	Village Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
November 26	Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at the Library
November 28	Thanksgiving Day – Village Office and Library are closed
November 28	WCC Thanksgiving Dinner 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.
November 29	Thanksgiving Holiday – Village Office closed

***Boxcar Museum will be open  
on the following Saturdays:***

***November 2      November 16***

***November 30***

***December 14      December 28***

### December

December 1	4-H Meeting 6 – 8 p.m. Community Center
December 2	WUMC Senior Potluck at 12 noon
December 2	WC Foundation Meeting 6:30 p.m. Village Hall
December 3	Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at the Library
December 3	Library Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Library
December 4	Story Time at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Library
December 7	Garden Club Meeting
December 7	Santa Comes to the Village, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Community Center
December 9	Village Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
December 10	Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at the Library
December 10	BINGO at 7:00 p.m. Community Center
December 11	Story Time at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Library
December 12	Quarter Auction, 6:30 p.m. at Community Center
December 14	WCF Junior High Dance, 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Comm. Center
December 17	Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at the Library
December 18	Story Time at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Library
December 23	Village Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
December 24	Christmas Eve – Village Office and Library closed
December 25	Christmas Day – Village Office and Library closed
December 31	Library closed
January 1	New Year's Day – Village Office and Library closed

### *Thanksgiving Dinner*

Williamsville Christian Church will be serving dinner on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. for those in the community who do not have plans and for truck drivers passing through. If you need a ride, we will provide you one. In case you cannot get out to attend, dinner deliveries will be made.

Please call the Williamsville Christian Church at 566-3381 to let us know if you need a ride or want dinner delivered. Office hours are Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you call and there is no answer, please leave your name and phone number with a message.

Happy Thanksgiving!



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## Village Board Meetings

The regular semi-monthly meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Monday of each month and will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. The public is always encouraged to attend. Special board meetings and committee meetings are scheduled as needed. Dates and agendas for all meetings are posted on the board near the door of the Village Hall and may also be reviewed on the Village website. The first Board Meeting in November has been cancelled.

*Approved Minutes and Agendas  
may be viewed at the Village Office or the website at  
[www.williamsville.illinois.gov](http://www.williamsville.illinois.gov)*

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